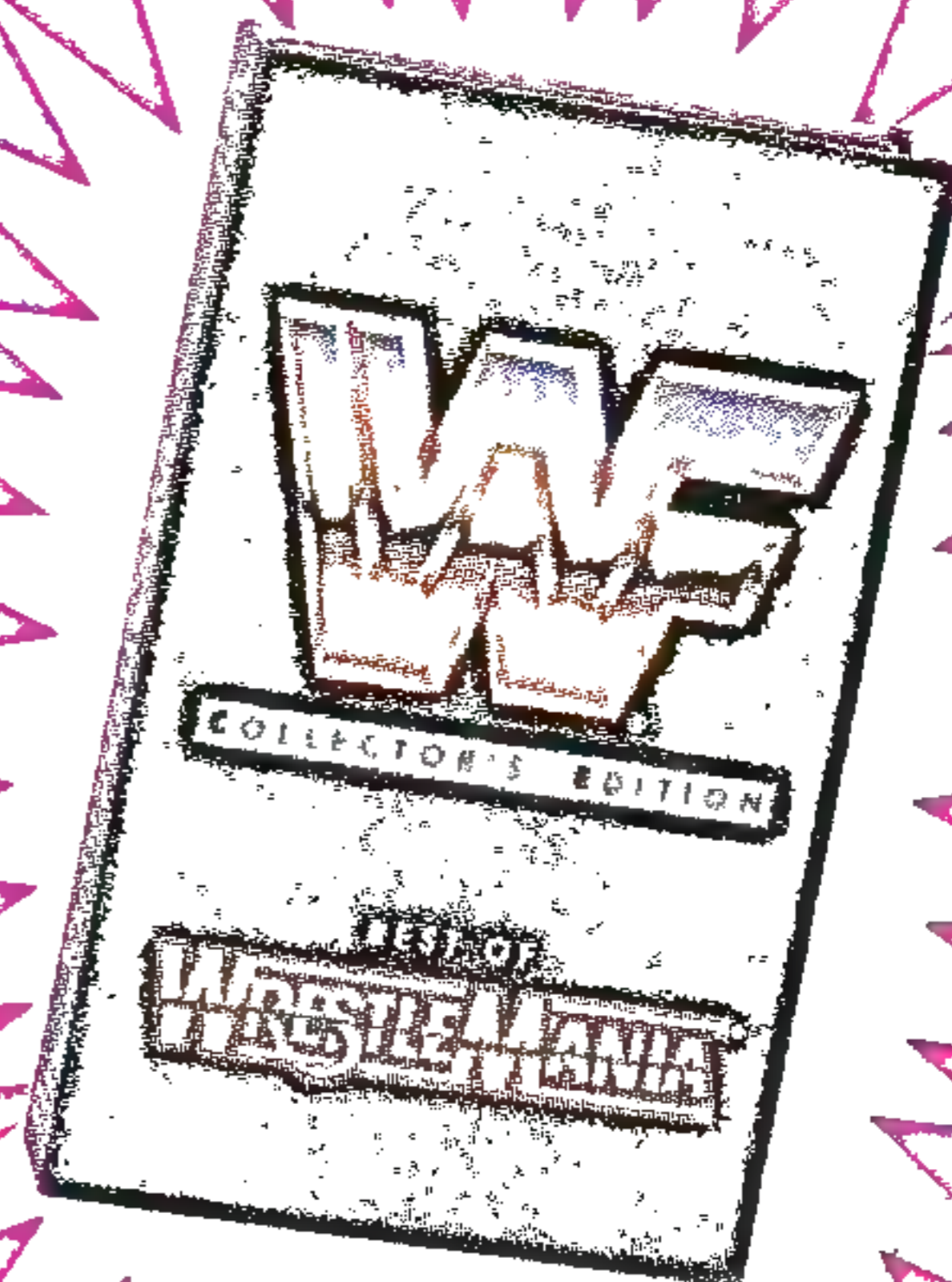
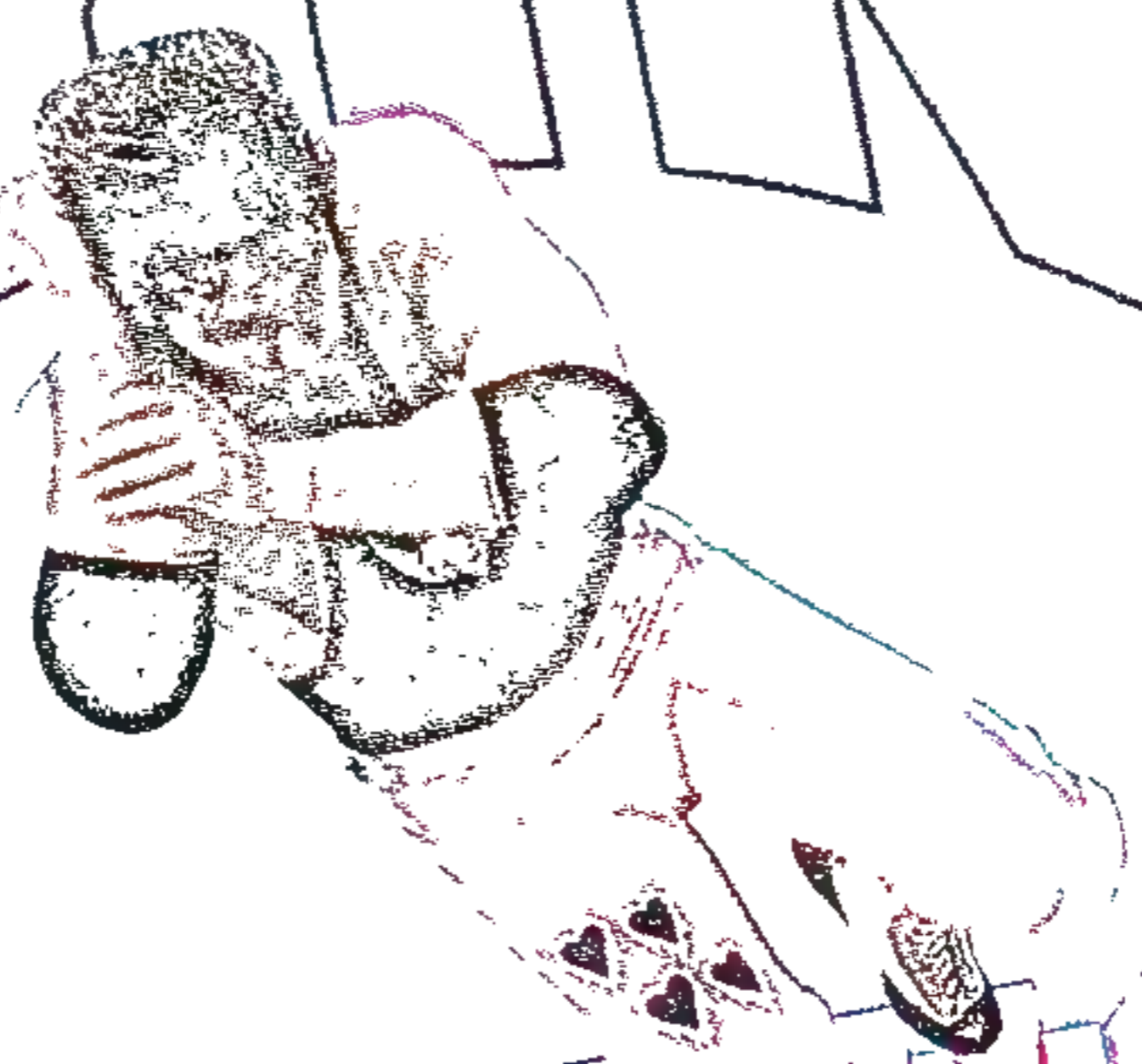


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SPOTLIGHT

TRIVIA QUIZ

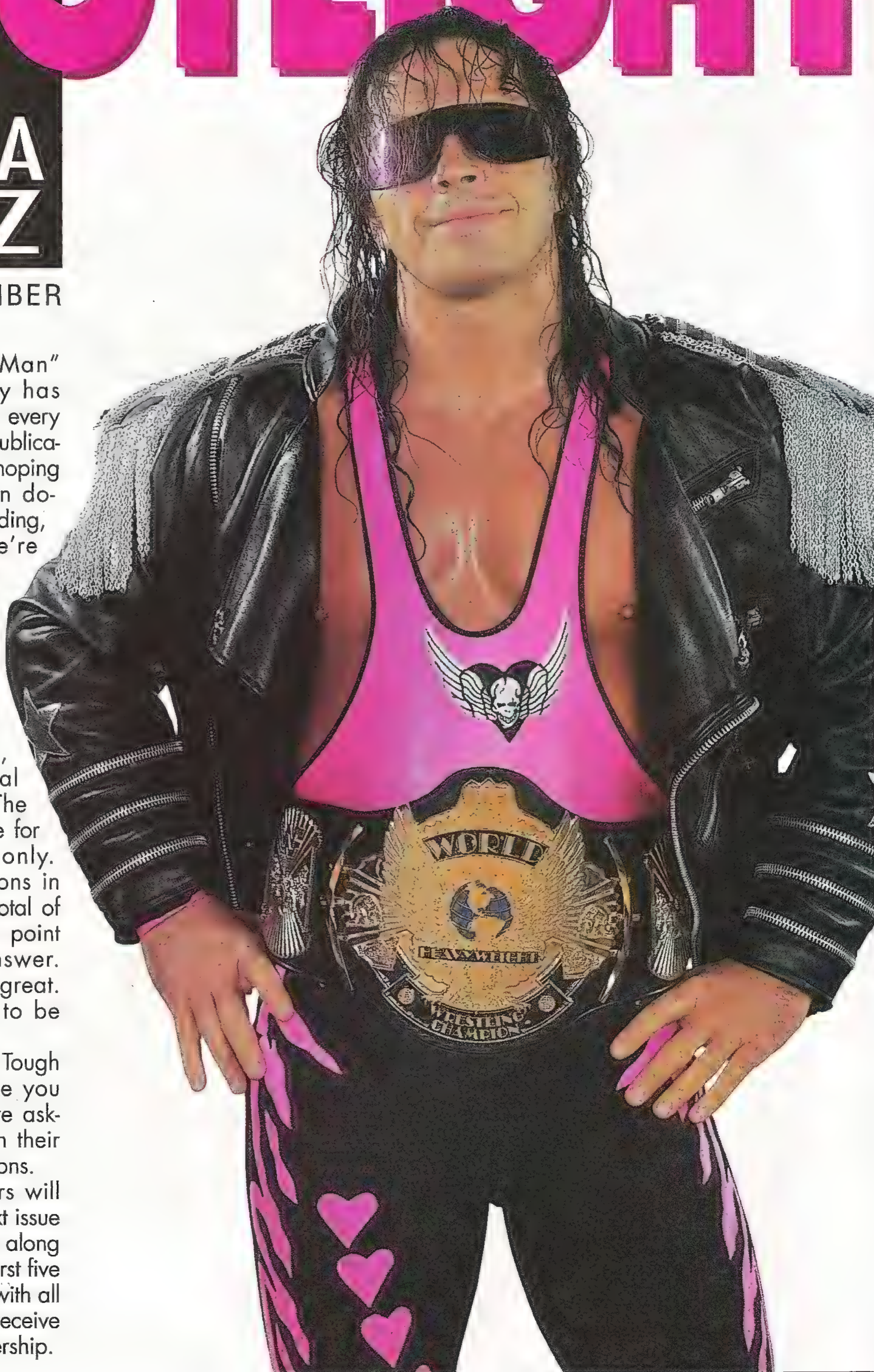
BY LARRY HUMBER

Bret "Hit Man" Hart's story has been told in every Federation publication. Here's hoping you've been doing your reading, because we're about to test you with our Trivia Quiz.

There are five categories of questions, followed by a special Tough Stuff section. The first five categories are for your entertainment only. There are five questions in each category, for a total of 25. Award yourself a point for every correct answer. Anything over 20 is great. Over 15 is nothing to be ashamed of.

The final category, Tough Stuff, will really make you think. That's why we're asking readers to send in their answers to those questions.

The correct answers will be published in the next issue of *Wrestling Spotlight*, along with the names of the first five readers who come up with all the answers. They will receive a free Fan Club membership.



ROOTS

- 1 Bret's dad, Stu, was a champion athlete. He wrestled and played what sport professionally?
- 2 Bret's mom, Helen, was the daughter of what flamboyant U.S. Olympian?
- 3 How did they spend their honeymoon?
- 4 Where does the Hart clan still reside?
- 5 What is Stu's Dungeon?

THE FIRST JEWEL

- 6 Bret won his first title while he was a member of the Hart Foundation. Whom did the Harts defeat to capture the Tag Team Championship?
- 7 They had a little help from the referee, though. He subsequently joined them for a spell. Do you remember who that was?
- 8 Whom did they beat for their second title?
- 9 The team's favorite finisher was dubbed the Hart Attack. How did it involve Bret?
- 10 Bret decided to go his own way after the Harts lost to the Nasty Boys at what *WrestleMania*?

THE REMAINING JEWELS

- 11 Bret had immediate success as a singles competitor, as he quickly grabbed the Intercontinental Title. Whom did he defeat (a man with few flaws) for this title?
- 12 Hart's second Intercontinental Title came at the expense of a longtime family friend—he would later lend Bret a hand at *WrestleMania X*. Can you tell us who that was?
- 13 Next for Bret was a date with Ric Flair for the World Wrestling Federation Championship. Flair wasn't about to hand it to him, though. How did Hart finally finish him off?
- 14 By beating Flair, the Hit Man became the first Canadian to take the Federation's top prize. Is that true or false?
- 15 The Hit Man also earned another distinction. What was that?

A FIGHTING CHAMPION

- 16 Bret didn't rest on his laurels. He defended the Federation Championship at the 1992 *Survivor Series*, where he took on the reigning Intercontinental champion. Who was that?
- 17 At the 1993 *Royal Rumble*, he got the better of a future Intercontinental champ. Who was that?
- 18 Things didn't go well for Hart at *WrestleMania IX*, though. He lost his title to the monstrous Yokozuna. But the unsmiling alien had some help from Mr. Fuji. How did he interfere?
- 19 Bret had another excuse for losing his title. What was that?
- 20 Hart's first reign as Federation Champion lasted 125, 150 or 175 days?



RECENT HAPPENINGS

- 21 Bret was back on top again soon after. He was pronounced King of the Ring after beating which big man in the tournament finals?
- 22 Then it was on to *Survivor Series '93*, where he was joined by three of his brothers. Who were the other Harts?
- 23 Despite some differences between them, Bret and his brother Owen teamed up at the 1994 *Royal Rumble*, where they took on the Quebecers. When they lost, Owen blamed Bret. Why?
- 24 Bret had another engagement at that *Royal Rumble*—the battle royal. Whom did he eliminate just before he and Lex Luger hit the floor?
- 25 Bret regained his Federation Championship at *WrestleMania X*, thanks in part to Yokozuna's clumsiness. Can you explain?

TOUGH STUFF (Please send answers to World Wrestling Federation Magazine, Post Office Box 3859, Stamford, CT 06902; postcards only, please.)

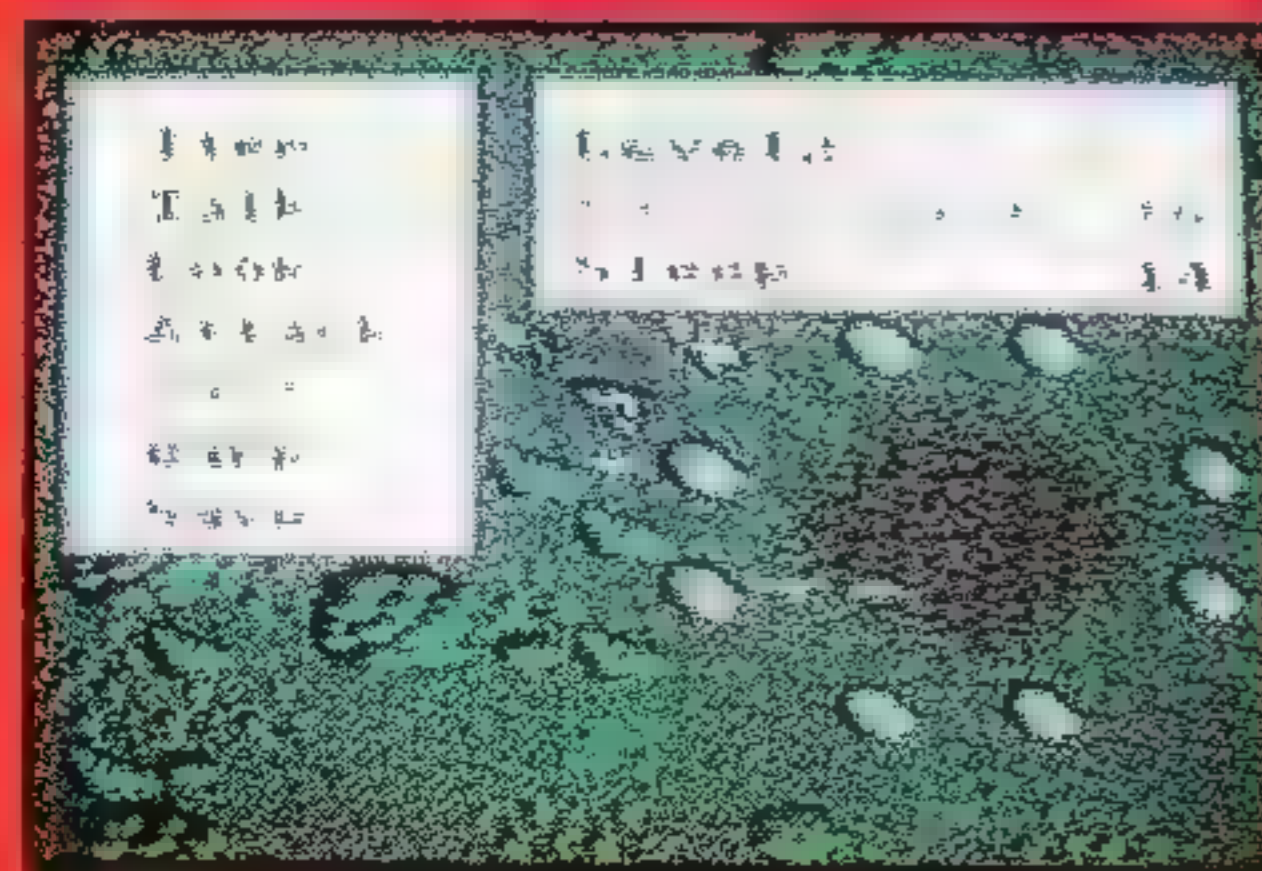
- a) This is Bret's fourth appearance in *Spotlight*. What other volume numbers focused on him?
- b) The Hit Man gave some thought to another profession before he decided to become a wrestler. What was that?
- c) When did Bret first appear alone on the cover of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*?
- d) What was the first *WrestleMania* in which Bret participated? And in what event?
- e) To whom was Bret referring when he recently told *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, "He's got as good a grasp on my wrestling style and timing as any man on the face of the earth. It would be hard to outthink him in the ring."

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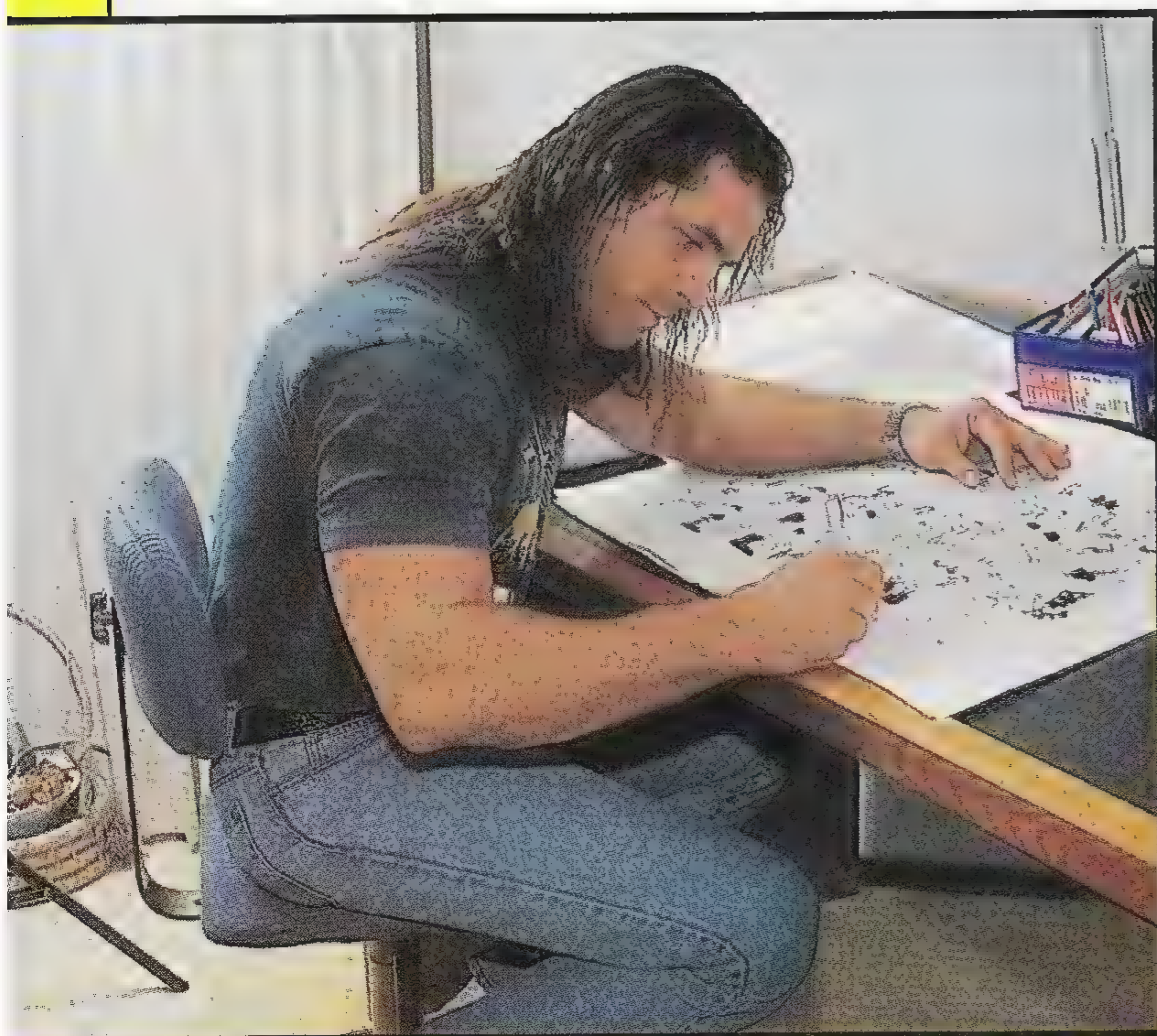
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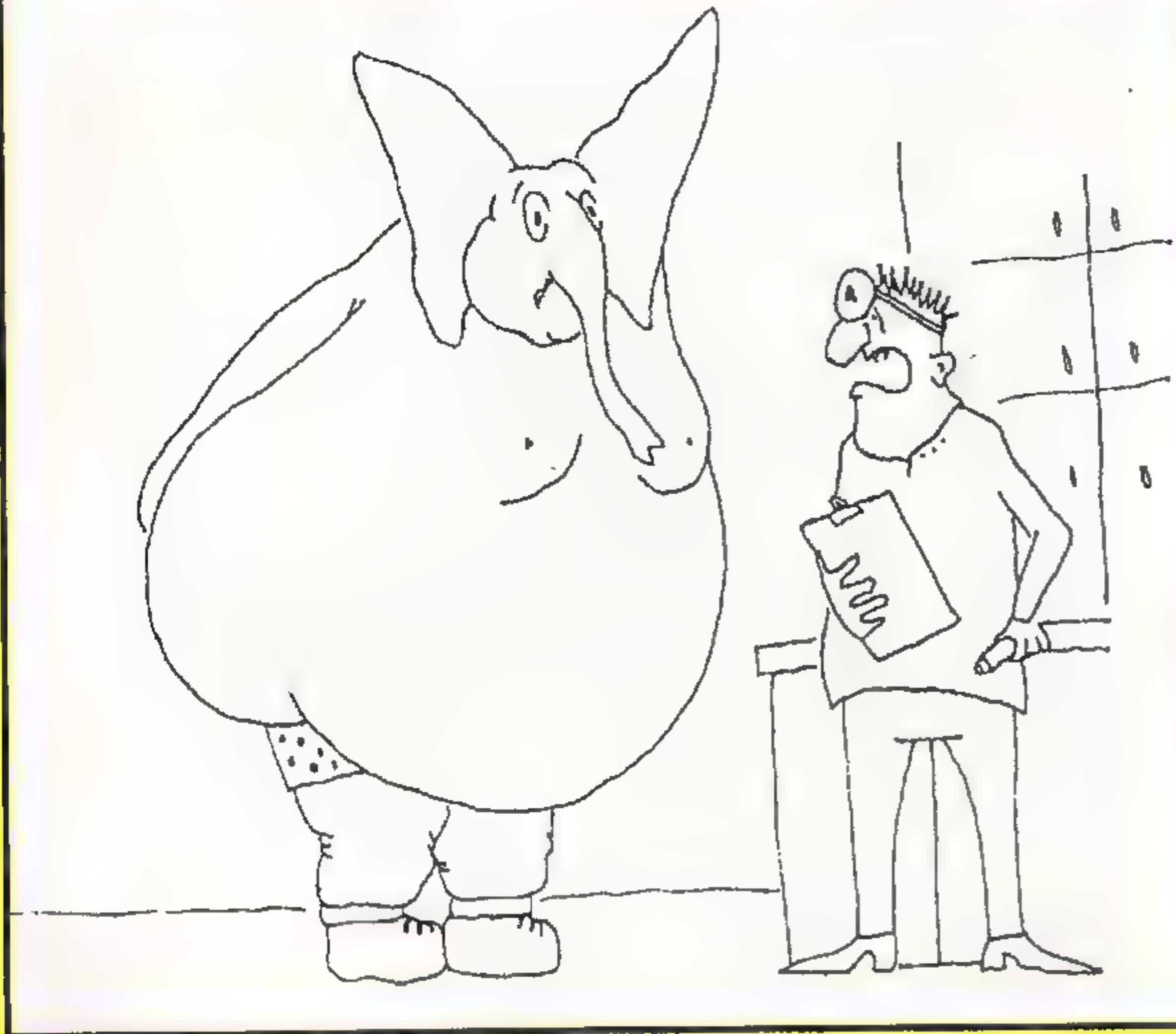
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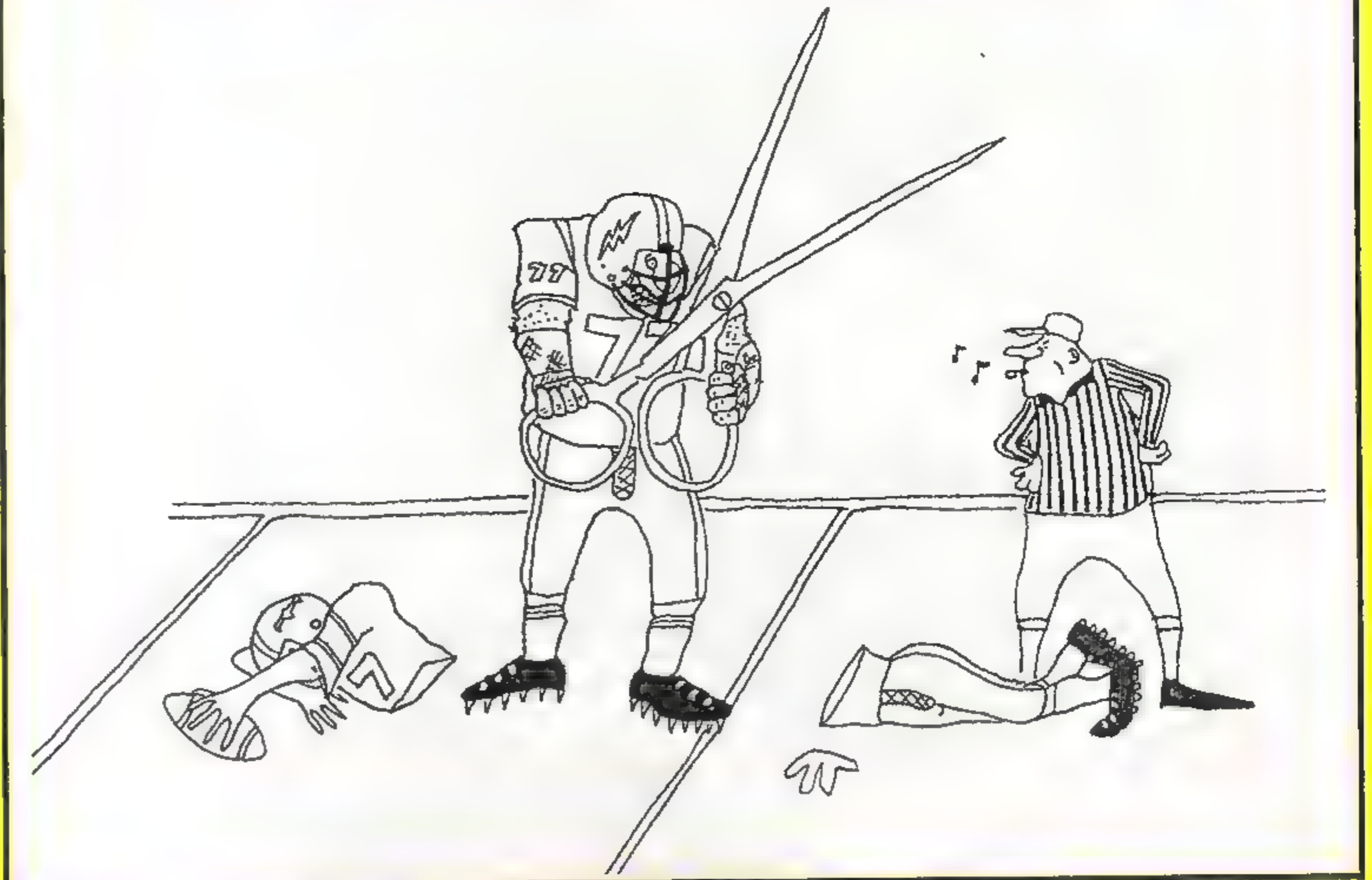
Bret "Hit Man" Hart, the World Wrestling Federation Champion, is known for many things. He is known as having Excellence of Execution in the squared circle. He is known as 1993's Federation Superstar of the Year. He is known as a wrestler with superior genetics and athletic ability. However, few people know that Bret is an exceptional artist. Here is a sampling of the Hit Man's work. For more on his artistic talent, pick up the latest issue of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, on sale June 14, which features exclusive cartoons that the champ drew himself!

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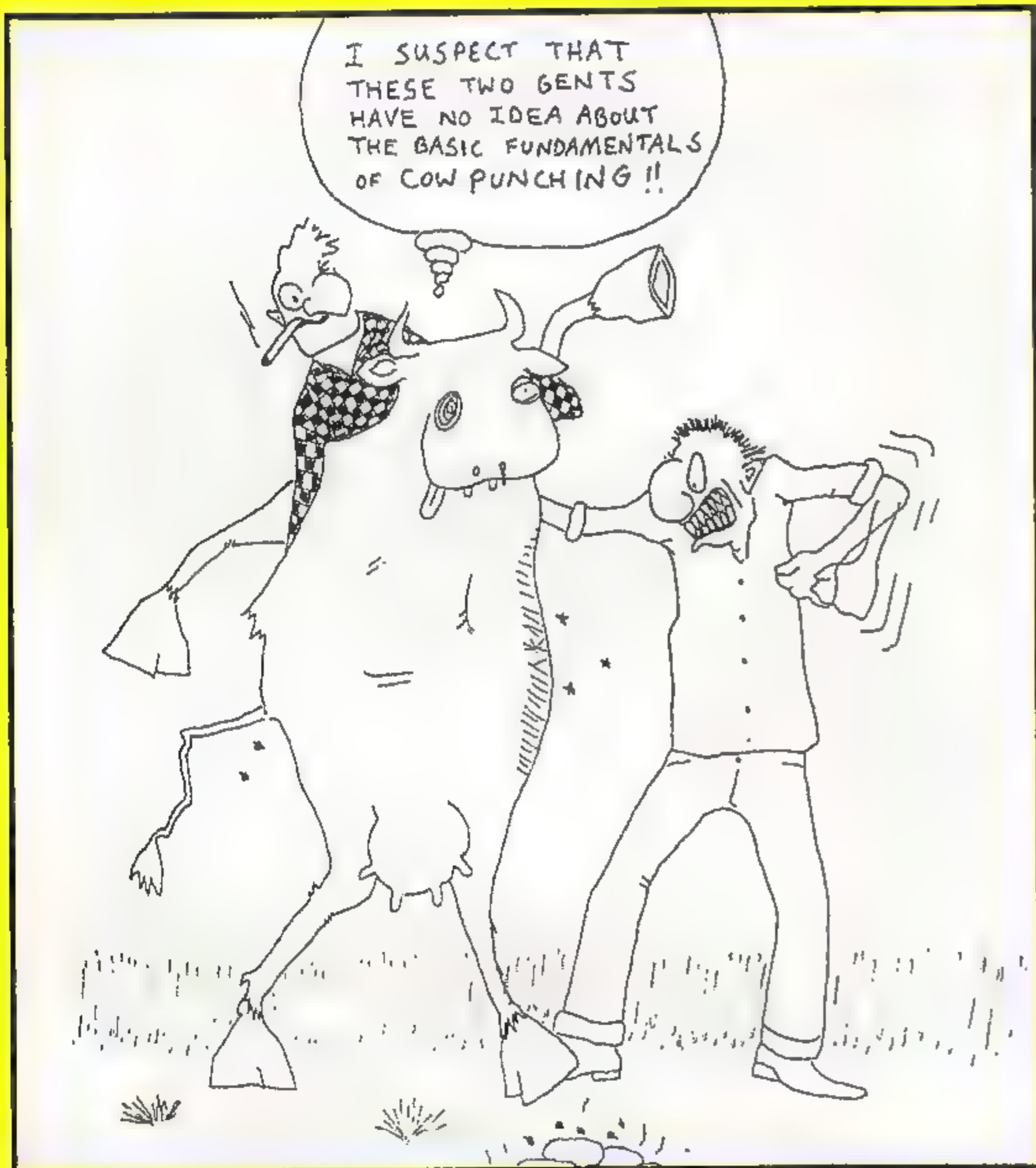
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BRET

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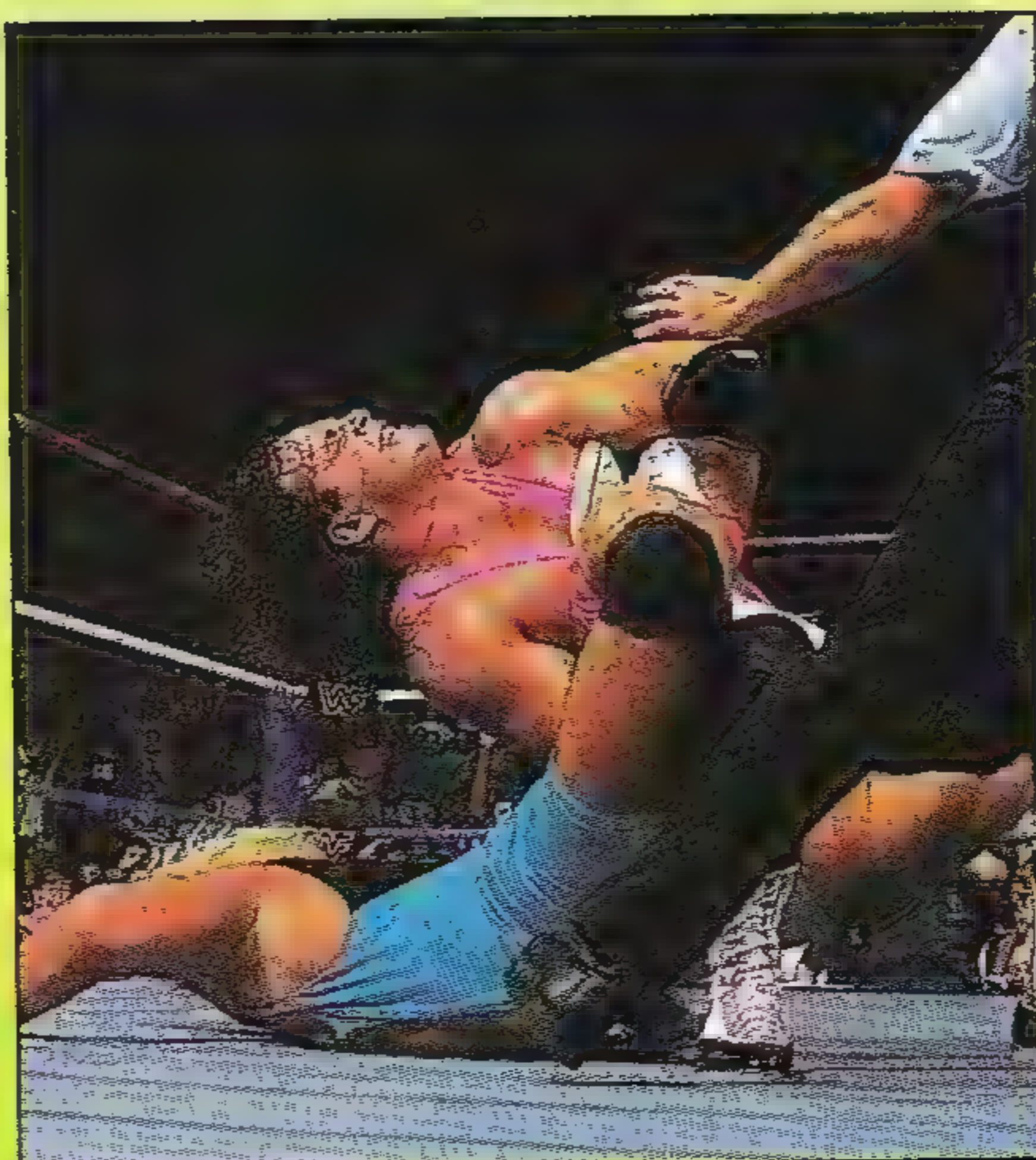
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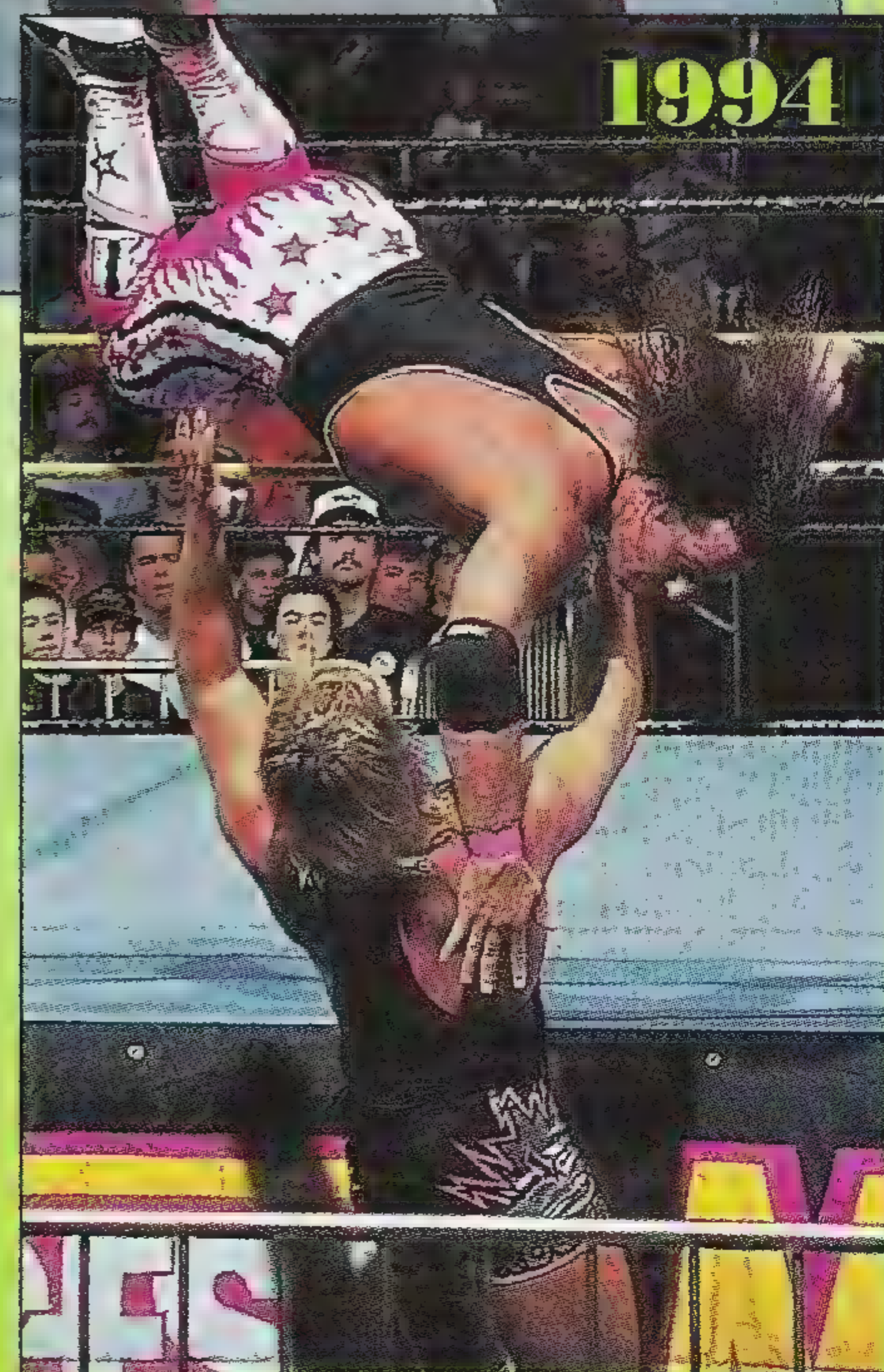
BY BRET "HIT MAN" HART

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT I AM A TWO-TIME WINNER OF THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION'S TRIPLE CROWN. THAT IS, I HAVE WON ALL THREE FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS, EACH ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. HERE ARE SOME OF MY TOUGHEST MATCHES AS A CHAMPION AND AS A CHALLENGER.



In 1992, I captured the World Wrestling Federation Championship from Ric Flair in a match in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, which is close to my home base of Calgary. Regardless of what anybody has to say about him, I think that Ric Flair is an incredible athlete. He's a great technical wrestler who has held titles all over the world. But on that night his number came up when he met the Hit Man.

I matched Flair move for move and hold for hold and eventually triumphed before thousands of my fellow Canadians and millions of Hit Man fans the world over. During my initial Federation Championship reign, I defended the belt against any wrestler who wanted a crack at it. I was quite successful, as I was when I defeated Mr. Perfect for the Intercontinental Title in 1991 (at *SummerSlam*) and when I beat Yokozuna for the Championship (at





WrestleMania X this past March) after first losing an emotional match to my younger brother Owen. However, I'll touch on that topic later.

Before Yokozuna and Mr. Fuji robbed me of the (Federation)



1993



Title at *WrestleMania IX*, I had the opportunity to battle a future Intercontinental Champion, Razor Ramon, at 1993's *Royal Rumble*. Razor is as tough as they come. He's big and bad and knows how to fight his way through any situation. But at the time of our match, he wasn't much of a wrestler as far as technique goes. That's what worked to my advantage.

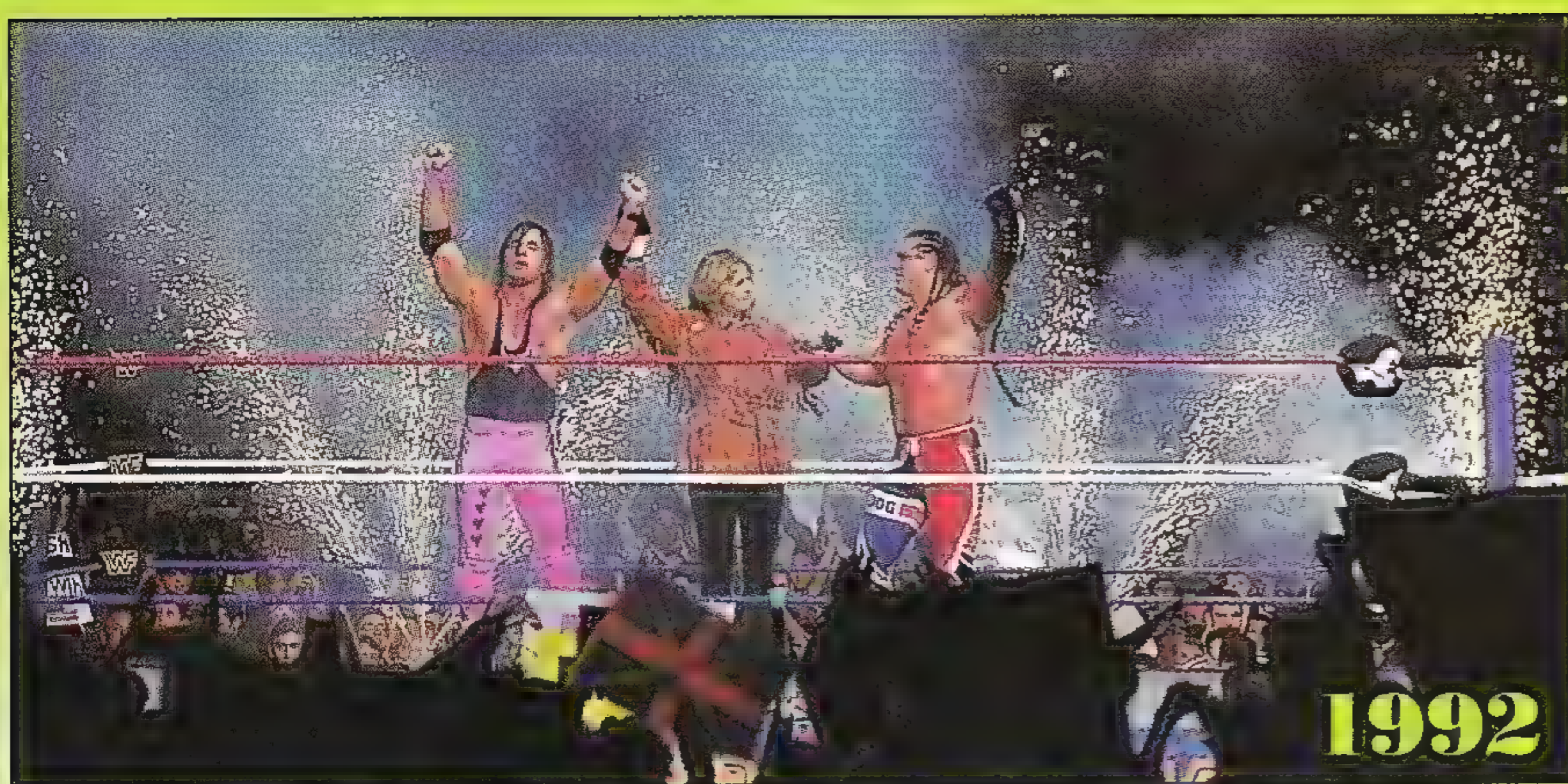
My wrestling skills helped me a lot during the *King of the Ring* tournament last year. I went through Razor, Perfect and Bam Bam Bigelow (all in a single evening) to become King of the Ring and beat them all

with sound wrestling mechanics. Ironically, these same superstars are among the leading contenders in the World Wrestling Federation today for my belt.

Shawn Michaels, whom I have met on many occasions, is another contender. I competed against him at two successive *Survivor Series* ('92 and '93), and he is, without a doubt, one of the fastest—and dirtiest—wrestlers in the game at this time, sort of like a younger, better version of Flair.

Besides wrestling my brother Owen, I would have to say that competing against my brother-in-law the British Bulldog at *SummerSlam '92* was emotionally rough on me. The Bulldog, who's married to my sister Diana, is a tough, powerful wrestler. In fact, my father and I





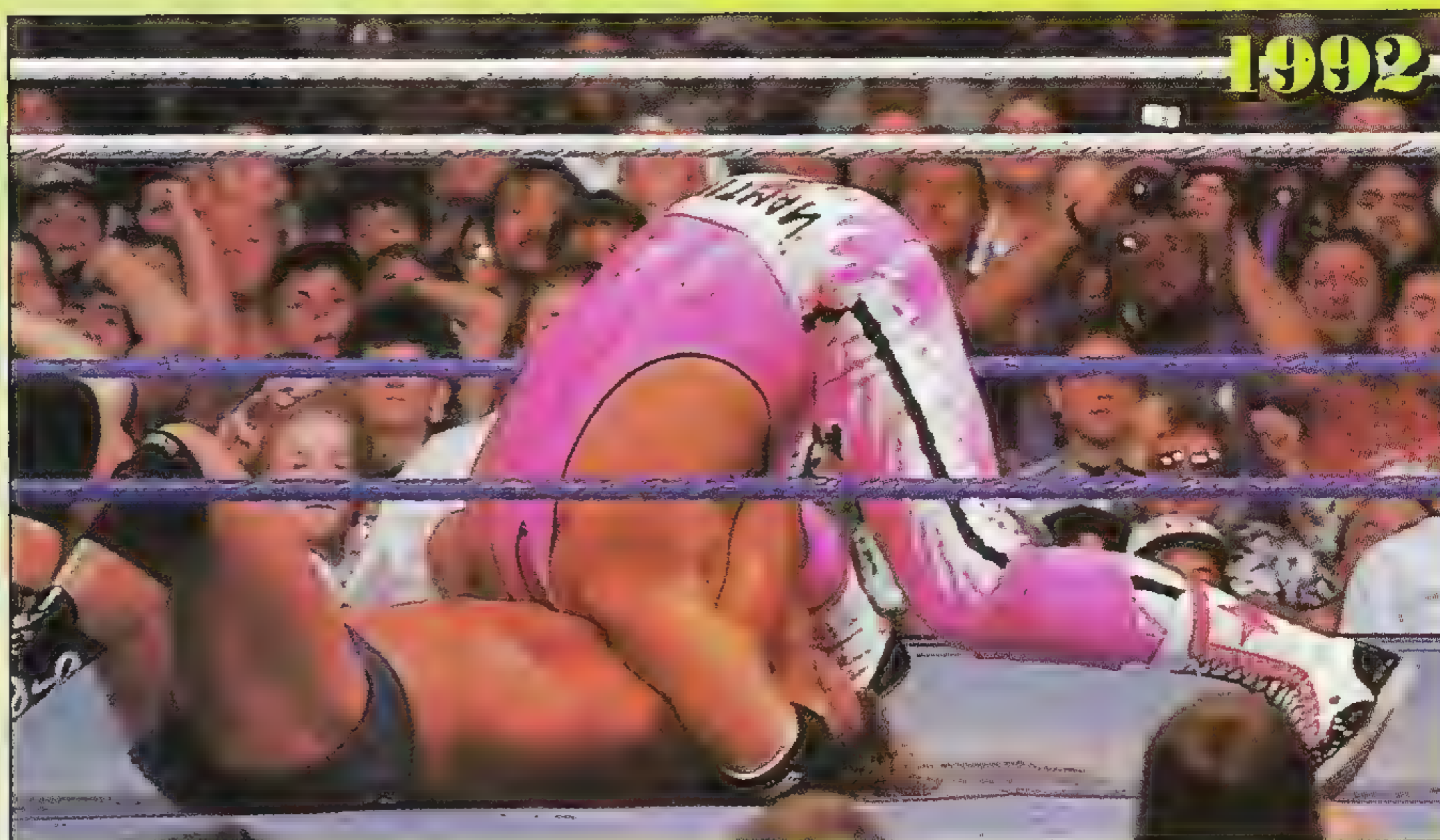
VIII, which went down before thousands of people at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana. And that's how I like it to be in the ring. He even busted me open!

But—when the smoke cleared—the Hit Man busted his bubble when I rolled Roddy up for the victory at *WrestleMania VIII*. The same thing happened when I made Perfect submit to the Sharpshooter at



helped train him years ago in Calgary. With that in mind, my whole family was divided. My children were even scrapping with the Bulldog's kids. It was also tough on my mother, brothers, sisters and the fans, who didn't know which one of us to cheer for.

At *SummerSlam*, that emotion wore on me psychologically. Now, I'm not making any excuses for losing the Intercontinental Belt; the Bulldog beat me fair and square, and he deserved the title. But mentally, it was a big burden. As I've said, I have a hard time fighting members of my family. There are so many people to think about (i.e., other family members). That same

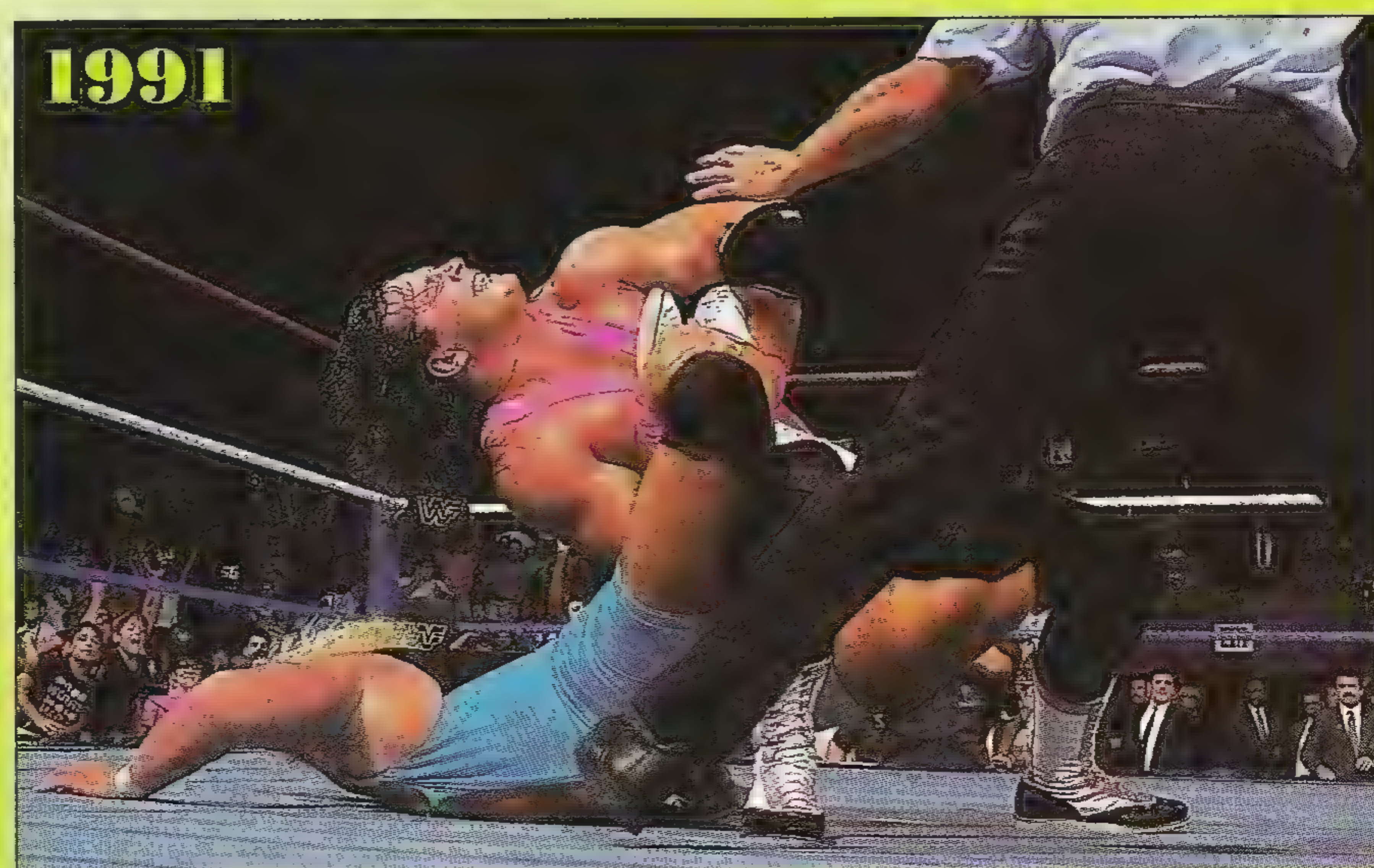


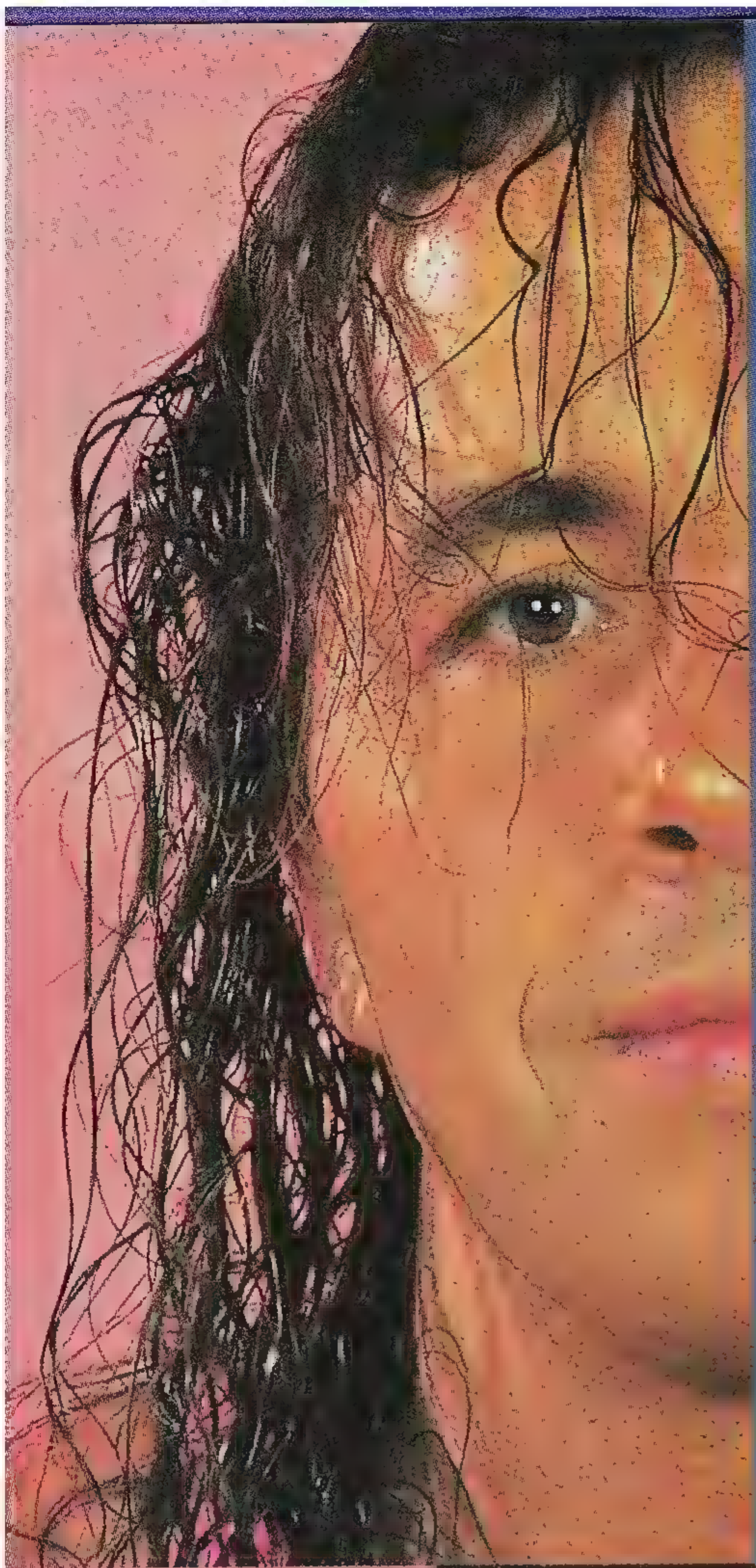
burden weighed on me in my match against Owen at *WrestleMania X*, but again, that is no excuse for my losing to him.

The Intercontinental Title I lost to the Bulldog I had won from Roddy Piper at *WrestleMania VIII*. Talk about a wild match! Although Piper and I are great friends, he didn't hold back an inch at *WrestleMania*

SummerSlam '91. He said he was unbeatable. He said he was the greatest, and he claimed he had an ace in the hole with that idiot who used to manage him (Bobby "The Brain" Heenan).

However, Perfect or anybody else will never be the best there is, the best there was and the best that ever will be! **WF**





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WHAT BRET HART'S COLLEAGUES ARE SAYING ABOUT HIM

TATANKA

"Bret Hart is a personal friend of mine. He is a real good person and a very good family man. He is an extremely dedicated person. He's a seasoned veteran who's been in the business a long time. It's been handed down to him from generations from his father, so there's a lot of wrestling years in that family, and anybody should be able to respect that! As far as being champion, everyone is proud that he's on top."



FORMER WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION GREAT ARNIE SKAALAND—"I've known Bret since he was a child. I wrestled his dad many times. His dad was a great wrestler, and he's following in his dad's footsteps. He's quite a boy."



LEX LUGER

"I think Bret Hart exemplifies what you can accomplish through hard work and dedication. He goes up against guys sometimes 300 pounds bigger than he is night after night, and the results speak for themselves—he's the champion. I respect him, but at the same time he's someone I want to be, and I'm looking forward to wrestling him. With the type of competitor he is, somewhere down the road we're going to meet."

FORMER FEDERATION GREAT CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW—"Bret Hart is a great athlete. He is a great champion! In my book, he's done it all in the World Wrestling Federation."

JOHNNY POLO

"Well, he probably is as good as he says he is. You know, the best there is, the best there was, the best there is, whatever that rhetoric is. But he's not unbeatable, and I could manage anyone who could single-handedly demolish him. I could beat him if I wanted to, but I'm not in the ring. I'm a manager. I am undefeated in the ring, but I just don't choose to wrestle Bret Hit Man Hart at this juncture in my career."





EARL HEBNER

"Bret's a terrific wrestler. He's one of the best champions that the World Wrestling Federation has ever had. He's got a lot of charisma, and he's just ring-oriented. He knows a lot of wrestling holds, whereas most wrestlers just get in there and fist-fight. However, when he has to, he can lay 'em in there just as good as anybody! No matter what, he always seem to outdo his opponents."

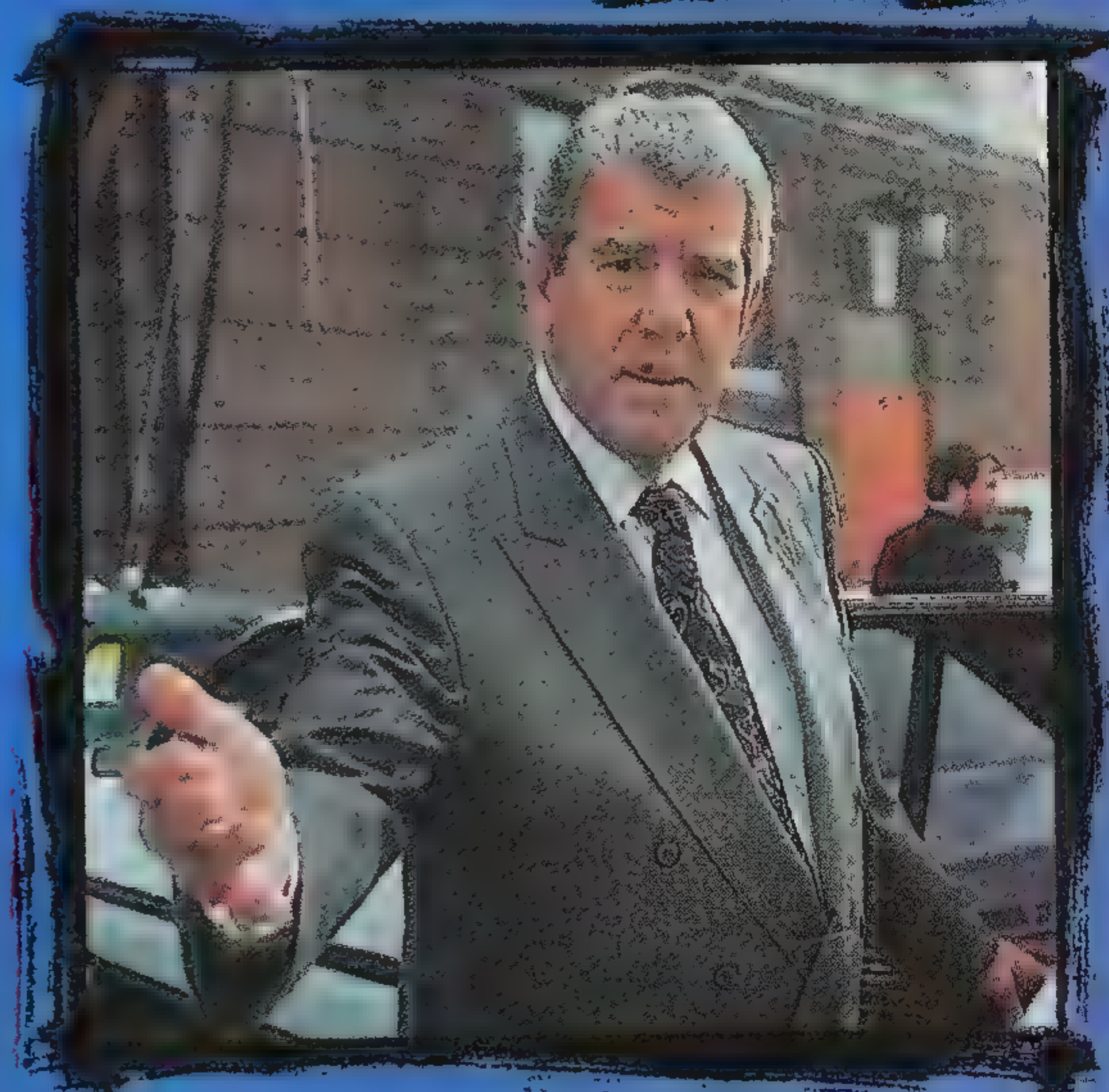
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DIESEL—"He's got a lot of heart, but he don't want any part of the D-Man. Hart could use all the techniques he wants—it won't matter. I don't know an armbar from a crowbar. Soon I'll be wearing his gold!"

JACK TUNNEY

"I'm really proud of Bret Hart. Nobody has worked harder to get where he is than Bret. I think he deserves everything that he has. He's just a really dedicated athlete. He had a lot to overcome, and he's done it. The entire World Wrestling Federation and I are proud to have Bret 'Hit Man' Hart as our champion. He exemplifies everything that I believe a professional wrestler should be."

FEDERATION PRESIDENT



MACHO MAN RANDY SAVAGE—"I think he's a great champion, brother. I've got R-E-S-P-E-C-T for him. I'd have even more R-E-S-P-E-C-T for him if he gives me a shot at his title! But right now, he's the man. DIG IT!"



DOINK

"Bret Hart is probably the greatest technical wrestler in the history of the Federation. A lot of people think that everything is size and strength, but it's not. Bret has proved that it isn't. He's got a lot of heart. Ha-ha, he-he, I didn't mean that as a pun! All kidding aside, he has the heart of a giant. He may even have more heart than my good friend Dink. The joke is on the rest of the World Wrestling Federation, because Bret Hart is going to be champion for a long time to come."

ADAM BOMB

"Bret Hart is a great competitor and a great champion. He does lack size, but his heart and determination are outstanding. His finishing maneuver, the Sharpshooter, is a great finishing move—but it can be countered. He can be beaten on any given day, at any given time. There are ways to beat him, and I'm gonna do it. It's just a matter of me getting a shot at his title under the right circumstances. Believe me, sooner or later, he will feel the wrath of Adam Bomb!"

LUNA VACHON—"I am the Mistress of Mayhem, and he is the Excellence of Execution, but there is no way he can hold a candle to his brother Owen. His brother Owen has been beating him since he was 3 years old."

MABEL FROM M.O.M.

"I know Bret personally; he's a heck of a guy. I think he's one of the greatest wrestlers there's ever been, if not the greatest wrestler there's ever been. I think that it's going to take a pretty awesome challenger to take the belt away from him this time. He's determined to hold on to it, and he deserves it. I'm real proud of him, and I think everybody in the World Wrestling Federation should be proud of him. The only thing he has to learn now is how to rap!"

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION GREAT TONY GAREA—"I wrestled Bret Hart toward the end of my career, and I found him to be one of the greatest wrestlers I ever competed against. I don't think we could ask for a better champion!"

TED DIBIASE

"Bret Hart, much like myself, comes from a wrestling background. He is a second generation wrestler. Wrestling has been in his blood all his life. That's something about Bret Hart that I can identify with. I know what inspires him. But his motto—the best there was, the best there is and the best there will ever be—I'd have to debate that. Maybe Bret Hart thinks a little bit too much about himself. There is a fine line between being confident and being too cocky."

GOING DOWN THE HIT MAN

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS...

BAM BAM BIGELOW—"For a small man, Bret Hart possesses more athletic ability than anybody else I ever met in the wrestlin' world. He possesses strength and speed, and he can last. But I'm the baddest and the best. The more I wrestle the Hit Man, the faster and the smarter I've been gettin'. The way I see it, sooner or later the Hit Man will be mine!"

IRS—"Bret 'Hit Man' Hart is probably one of the biggest tax cheats in the World Wrestling Federation. He's been here a long time, and he's been cheating on his taxes a long time. But at the same time that I say this, he's also one of the most established wrestlers who has ever come through the Federation. With his expertise and techniques, he probably stands as one of the all-time greats. Not that he could beat IRS."

SHAWN MICHAELS—"Bret Hart is a guy who has definitely paid his dues. He is the Excellence of Execution—or so he claims. In my opinion, he is without a doubt one of the top two wrestlers in all the world. He's right up there with the Heartbreak Kid, Shawn Michaels. However, I am the most gifted man in all the world of wrestling."

JAMES E. CORNETTE—"I try not to think about unpleasant subjects, and that's exactly what Bret Hart is—an unpleasant subject. The World Wrestling Federation has always been on Bret Hart's side. I think what he needs to do is brush his teeth, wash his hair, and he obviously needs to get a new family because his is dysfunctional! He also needs to give Yokozuna another title shot, because if Yokozuna had a fair shot, he could beat him easily!"

FORMER FEDERATION GREAT RENE GOULET—"I first met Bret in 1977 in Atlanta, Georgia. Even though he was only 17 at the time, he really impressed me. I could see he had a great potential for wrestling. The rest is history."

BUSHWHACKER BUTCH—"We worked for Stu Hart years ago. It was one of the first places we went to when we came to North America. Bret was just starting out then. He showed a lot of promise. We actually wrestled all the Hart boys, and out of all of them, Bret by far had the most promise. He was the best athlete, and he proved it!"

BUSHWHACKER LUKE—"What my cousin Butch says covers it all. This is now Bret's second time as a champion. We're right behind him like the rest of the people are. I hope he holds on to the belt for a long time to come!"

RAZOR RAMON—"Good for him because he won the belt, but let's talk about me, chico. I wrestled Bret Hart twice, last year's King of the Ring and the Royal Rumble in '93. I got to admit, Hart came out on top twice. He's good. He's real good, chico, but I think I pretty good too. Hit Man, if you're listening, chico, why don't you give the Bad Guy a shot at your gold?"

QUEBECER JACQUES—"He's a good technical wrestler. He's very ugly though, I got to tell you that. He doesn't have anything going for him physically, that's for sure. The only reason the female fans go crazy over him is that only ugly girls come to watch wrestling."

QUEBECER PIERRE—"Viva Le Quebec!"

HARVEY WIPPLEMAN—"I think Bret Hart is a great athlete. I won't take any of that away from him. The only thing I will take away from him is that he does not have the guts to put his championship on the line against Kwang or Adam Bomb. He's avoiding their challenges, and that's the only reason he remains World Wrestling Federation Champion! That's all I got to say."

DOUBLE J JEFF JARRETT—"I'll give him this—he tries hard, he tries REAL hard and he does know a few wrestling moves. But there's one thing, and it's cut clear and dry. He will not accept the challenge of Double J Jeff Jarrett. When he does accept the challenge, his reign will be over!"

MO from M.O.M.—"I personally think that Bret Hart's a great guy both in and out of the ring. He's a compassionate person who cares about the wrestling business and everybody involved in it. He's just an all-around great guy. The consummate professional. He's the man."

EARTHQUAKE—"He's a great wrestler with excellent techniques. He calls himself the Excellence of Execution. I think a lot of guys found out through the years that what he says is usually true. There's nothing he can't get out of. He's got a counter for everything, and that's what makes him so good." **WF**



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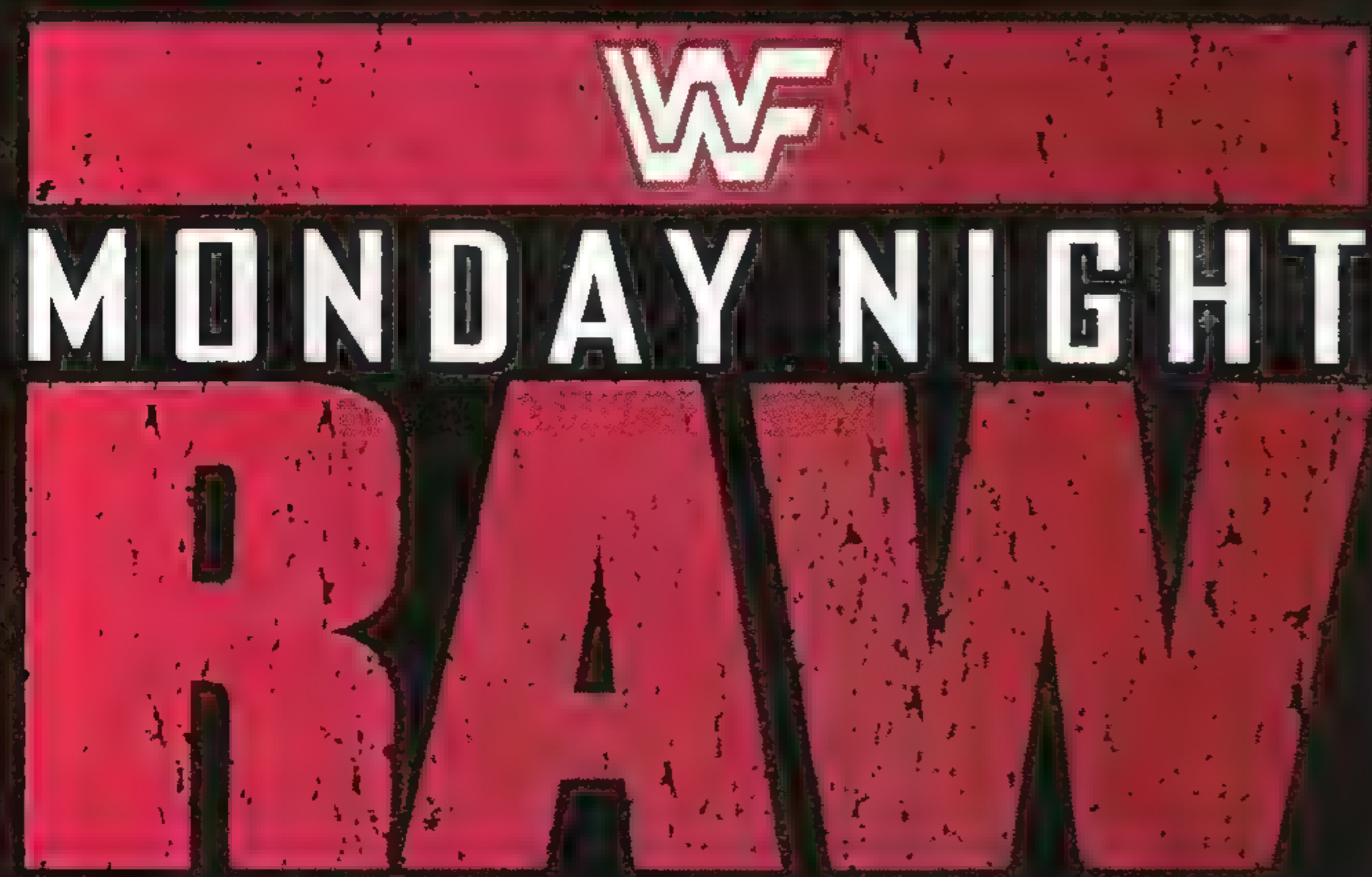
"I think Bret Hart is the single best wrestler in the world today. He doesn't have any wasted movements in the ring; everything he does is right on the money. He's a great champion, and he represents the Federation with a lot of pride."



LOU ALBANO

"Bret Hart comes from a great wrestling family. His father and I are very good friends. I believe that Bret is a legend in his own time. He has a heart of gold and the guts of a lion. I wholeheartedly endorse him."

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By Keith Elliot Greenberg



WANT to Hit MAN

Even as he reeled in pain on the canvas and stumbled back to the dressing room, Bret Hart knew his aching legs would heal. What wouldn't mend was the agony of having lost a brother through jealousy and misunderstanding.

"If there had been a way to repair my relationship with Owen, I would have done it," the World Wrestling Federation Champion says, reflecting on the night his younger sibling shocked the world by attacking him in the center of the ring at the Royal Rumble this past January. "And every time I look at the worry on my mother's face, I wish I could have found that way. But, for some reason, Owen won't settle for anything less than being my enemy, and I think the whole family is suffering for it."

The ordeal is especially sorrowful to the Hit Man, who grew up in a home filled with the happy voices of brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, knowing that—even as his father traveled from town to town as a professional wrestler—the family could never lose its cohesiveness.

"I'm very pro-family," Bret says. "My parents went through good times and bad times, but we always knew they were behind us. Even though I'm wrestling in Germany one day and Japan the next, I try to maintain a family life. It's the right thing to do, and I think my children appreciate it."

Soft-spoken and almost bashful about many personal matters, Hart remains protective of his four children and wife, Julie, whom he met 14 years ago while touring through her home town of Regina, Saskatchewan.

"Back in those days, very few fans outside of Canada could tell you who Bret Hart was," Hit Man remembers. "Sure, the Hart brothers were pretty well known in Calgary, where we grew up and wrestled every week. But in America [in the late 1970s], you had your big names like Bob Backlund, Andre the Giant and Chief Jay Strongbow. Those were the people everybody talked about. When Julie and I met, I was no different from a lot of the kids I see starting out in wrestling today. I could have been

great, or I could have been a failure. She didn't know if I'd end up a champion or retire in a year because I couldn't take it. But she believed in me and supported me through all the bruises and broken bones. That's what marriage is all about. And it's an institution that I respect."

When Bret hears about friends who've given up on their marriages or reads about the swelling divorce rate, he feels discouraged. "Families need to stay together and stick together," he

says. "When you sign on, you should sign on for life. Look at all the problems we have—drugs, crime.

A lot of times, those crimes are committed by people from broken families, people whose parents didn't team up to keep their kids out of trouble. Look, I don't condemn anybody whose marriage didn't work out. I'm not a judgmental person, and everyone makes mistakes. I just think that parents have to realize that things are never going to be easy, but they should put the thought and time into their marriage and at least try to make it work."

When he's at home with his children—sons Dallas, 9, and Blade, 3, and daughters Jade, 11, and Alexandra (also known as "Beans"), 6—Bret switches his focus from his mat glories to the youngsters' interests.

The kids tape the family's favorite TV show, *The Simpsons*, just so everyone can watch the program together when the superstar returns from his title defenses. The two oldest children are studying judo, and Jade is considering acting lessons. Occasionally, people driving past the Harts' Calgary home will stop and gawk at the World Wrestling Federation Champion playing street hockey with his children.

During the long winter months, the activities shift indoors, where Bret has accumulated a medley of rubber masks from monster movies, mounted on walls throughout the house. "Blade, my youngest boy, is convinced he's me," Hit Man says,

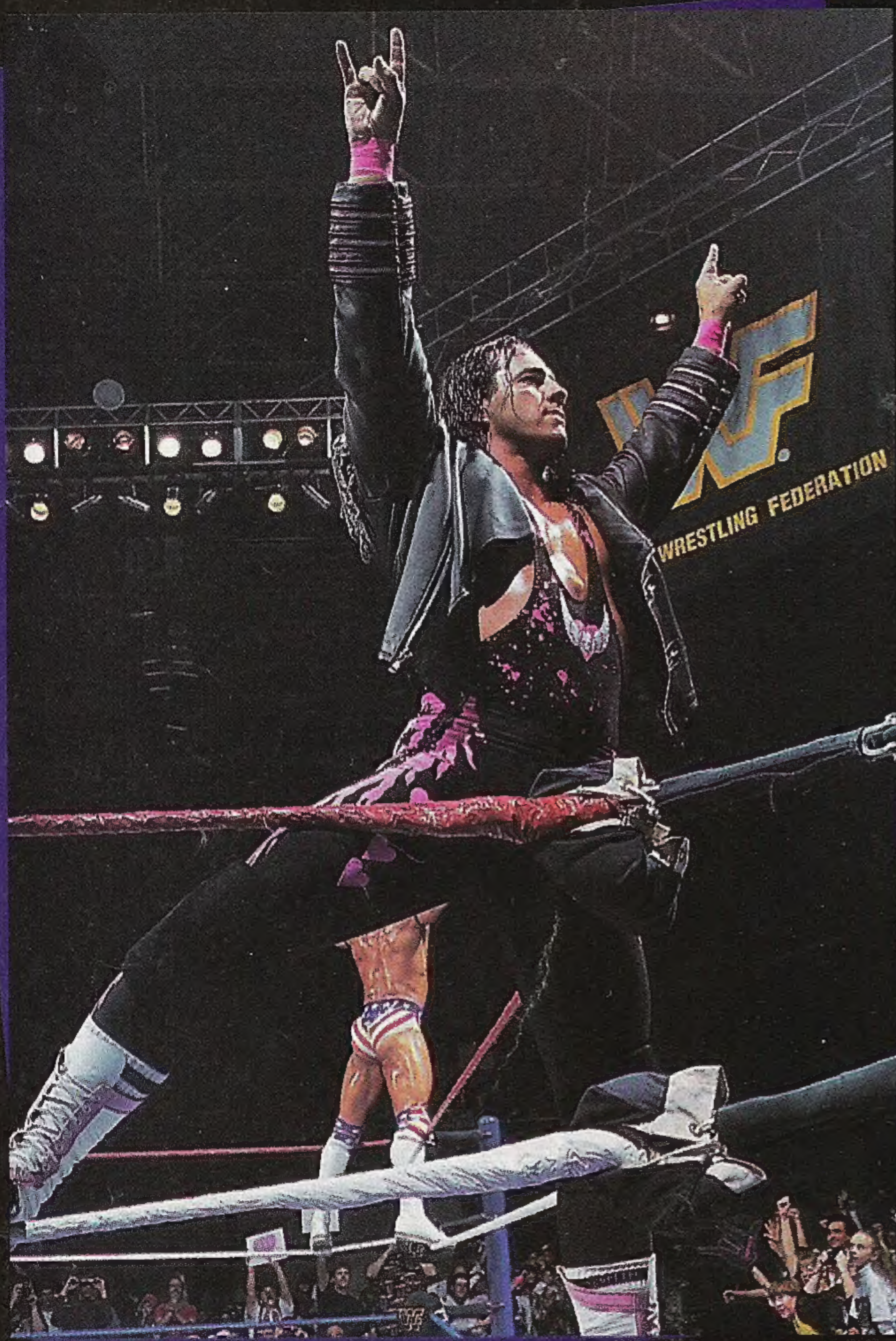


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with more than a hint of pride in his voice. "He thinks we're superheroes who are going to solve the world's problems together. Sometimes, early in the morning, we walk from room to room, firing styrofoam balls at all the monsters."

Unfortunately, the majority of the time, Blade must battle the creatures alone, as his father is far, far away, locked in actual combat with the latest challenger for his belt. "It's part of the sacrifice that goes with being a champion," Bret says. "Even when people are all around you, shouting your name, clapping

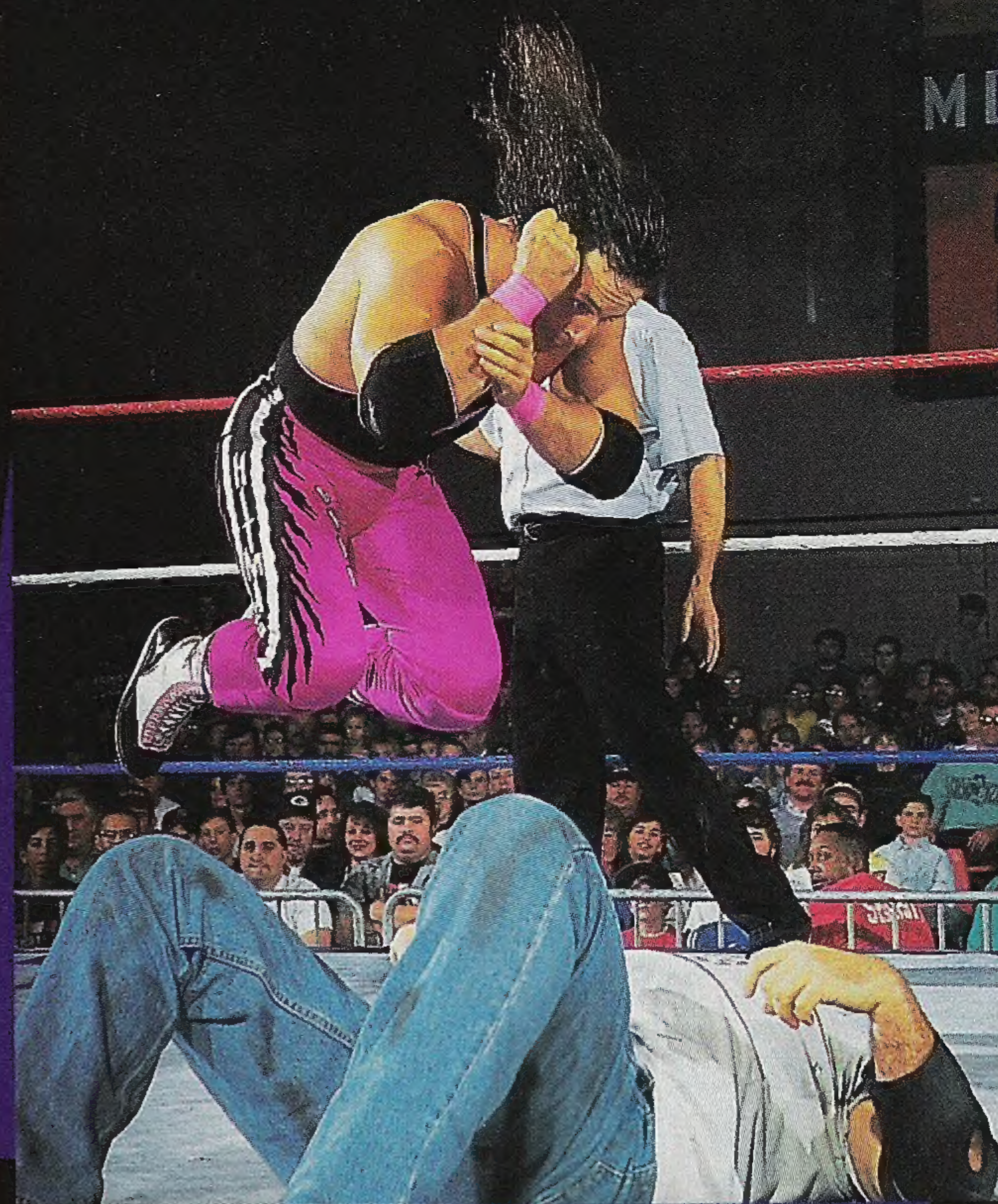


their hands and holding up signs with your picture on it, you think about your kids and wish that you could be home, helping them with their homework and tucking them in bed."

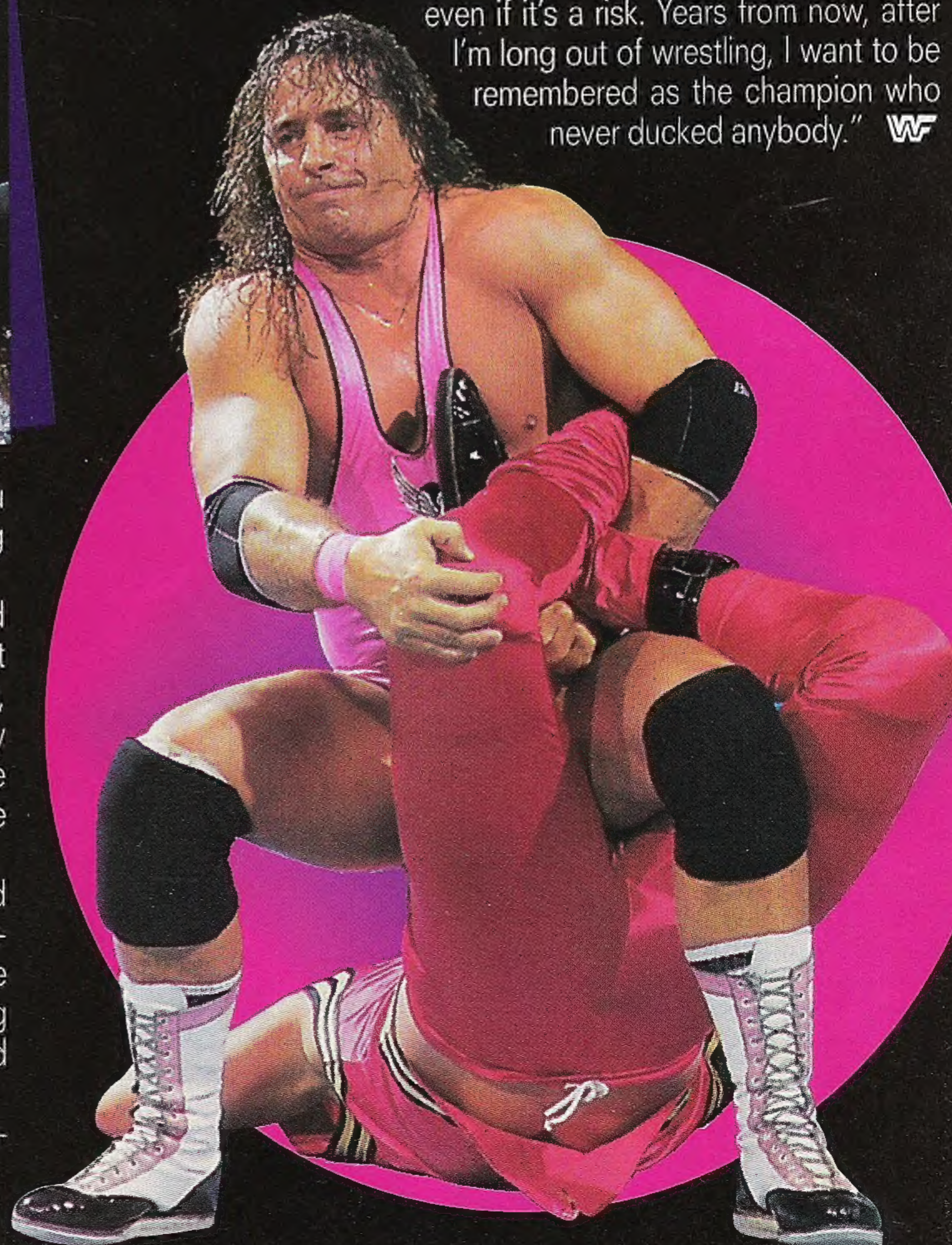
Yet, the rigorous schedule of the world's most celebrated athlete also has its merits, particularly for a person curious about the exotic reaches of the globe. On a recent Middle Eastern trip, Hit Man arranged for a special journey through the ancient city of Jerusalem, walking the very same steps Jesus is said to have taken while carrying the cross to Calvary. "I love history," he says. "I found the whole thing pretty fascinating."

But, like every other competitor on the tour, the Hit Man had to forget about the surrounding scenery and fight for his life between the ropes in the Holy Land. And, perhaps inspired by the biblical grandeur of everything he'd seen, the World Wrestling Federation Champion put on a performance that could be called—by some, at least—divine.

"I really do think I'm the Excellence of Execution," he con-



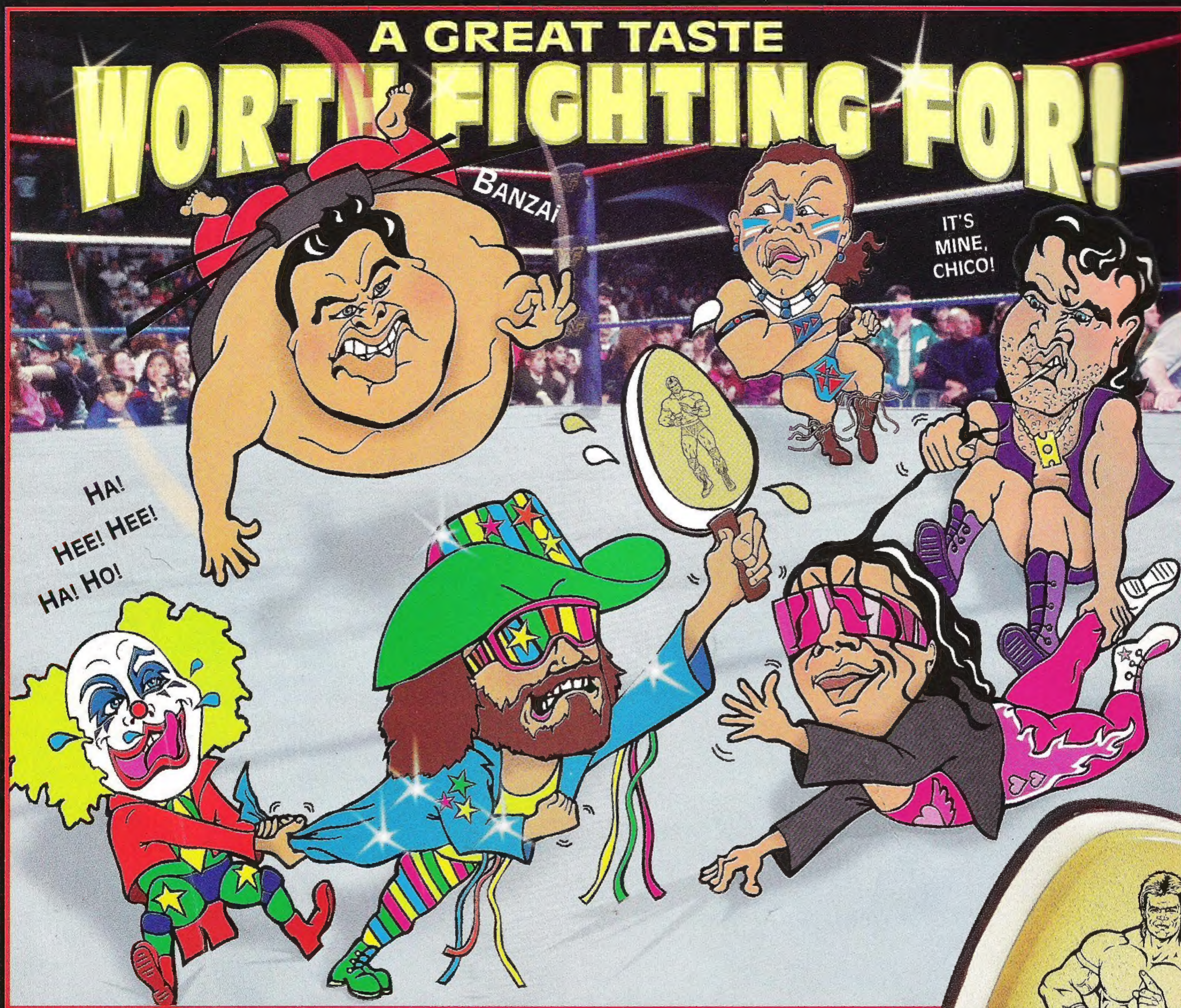
tends. "And I'm as good as I've ever been. I'm not ashamed of losing to a Yokozuna or to my brother Owen as long as I give it my all. I can only promise that now, as champion for the second time, I won't hesitate to take on any opponent—even if it's a risk. Years from now, after I'm long out of wrestling, I want to be remembered as the champion who never ducked anybody." **WF**



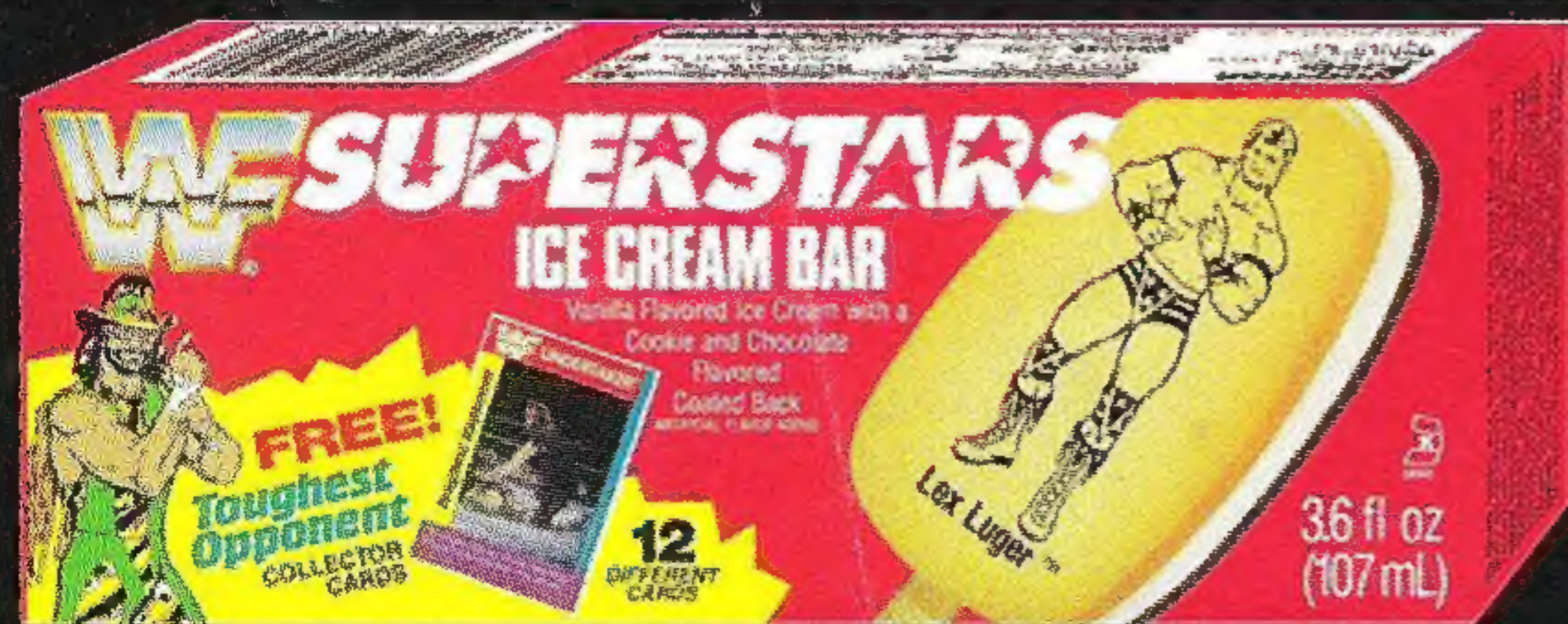


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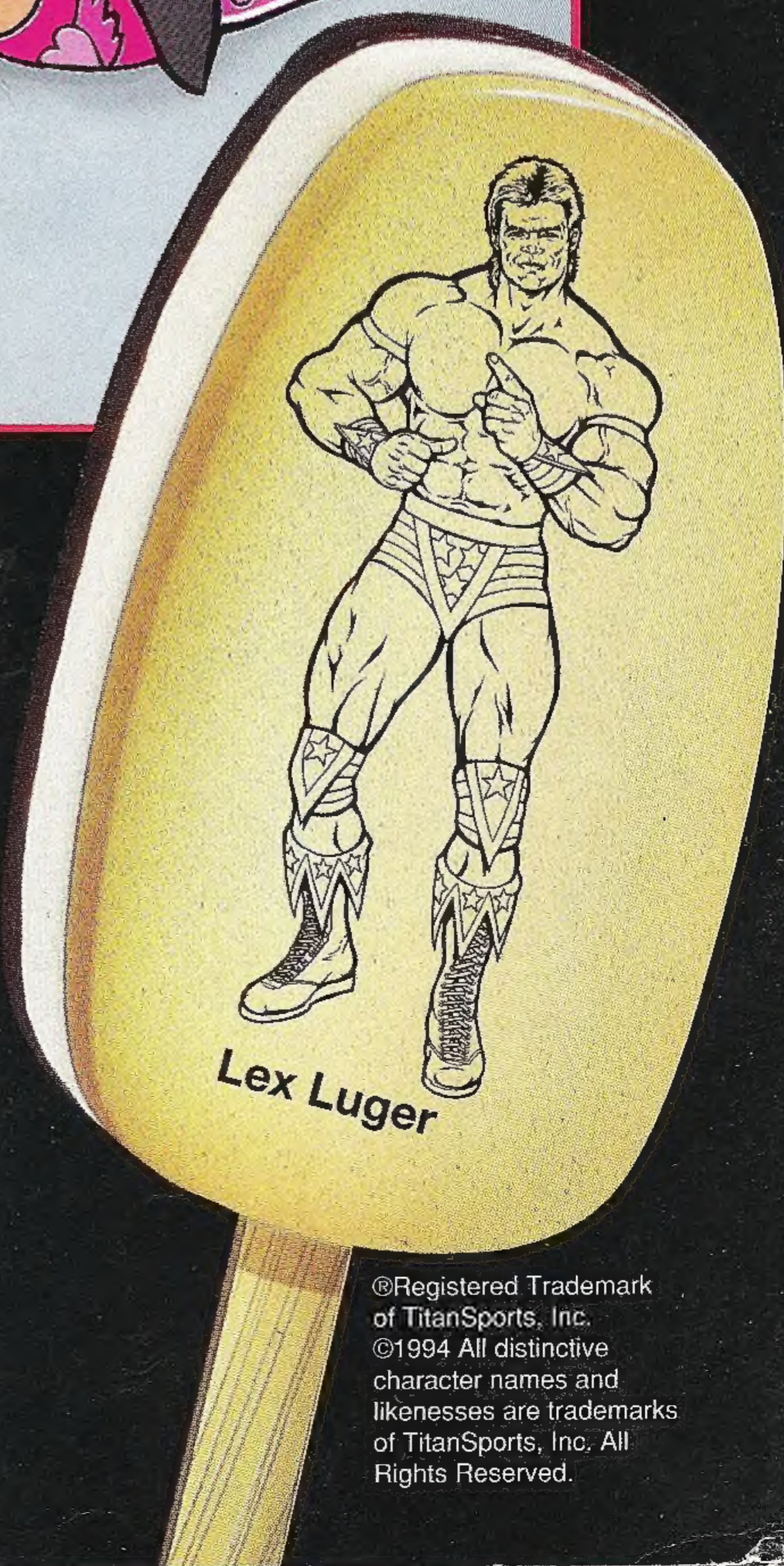
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